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Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH:
COVENTRY DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on April 11th at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Dr. DAVIDSON being in the chair.

Paper.—Mr. W. E. BENNETT read a paper on the treatment of tuberculous joints; a discussion followed, which was joined in by Drs. BALLANTYNE, HAWLEY, WEBSTER, SNELL, and the CHAIRMAN, and Mr. BENNETT replied.

Central Emergency Fund.—The COMMITTEE reported that they had considered the question of establishing a local emergency fund, and that in their opinion no local fund was at present called for, but they advised that the Central Emergency Fund should be supported, and that each member should subscribe 5s. yearly to the fund. After some discussion, the recommendation of the Committee was unanimously approved. Twenty-two members handed in their subscriptions, and these have been forwarded to the Medical Secretary.

The Dispensary Question.—The meeting then resolved itself into a committee to discuss the dispensary question.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH:
WEST DORSET DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Division was held on May 8th.

Election of Officers.—The following officers, etc., were elected for the coming year: *Chairman*, P. W. MacDonald, M.D., Dorchester; *Vice-Chairman*, W. Rendall, Esq., Maiden Newton; *Honorary Secretary*, J. F. L. Whittingdale, M.B., Grosvenor Lodge, Sherborne; *Representative for Representative Meeting*, Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel D. Curme, Childe Okeford; *Representatives on Branch Council*, W. B. Cosens, Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Curme, G. J. W. Flower, C. J. Marsh, W. Rendall; *Executive Committee*, T. W. W. Bovey, W. B. Cosens, Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Curme, H. H. Du Boulay, G. J. W. Flower, W. E. Good, W. Hawkins, P. J. Kingston, C. J. Marsh, W. Rendall.

Revision of Draft Charter.—The vote was unanimously against. Other questions, therefore, were not considered.

Hospital Administration.—(1) Yes, under special circumstances. (2) All regret that it is a financial necessity. (3) Yes; most decidedly. (4) No. (5) All in favour of in-patients bringing letter from medical attendant.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—(1) All in favour of a special man being appointed to do nothing else.

The Ethical Aspects of Medical Consultation.—All in favour.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH:
MID NORFOLK DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Medical Library, Norwich, on May 4th, Dr. MCKELVIE in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Hospital Administration.—The subject of hospital administration, which had been referred by the Hospitals Committee to the Divisions, was considered. The four specific questions printed on page 190 of the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of April 13th were after discussion resolved to be answered as follows: No. 1, No; No. 2, No; No. 3, Yes; No. 4, Yes; although the Division is aware there may be practical difficulties in the way of accomplishing this. With regard to the suggested model rules, printed on the same page of the JOURNAL, for hospital management, the meeting unanimously agreed to each and all of these rules; and, in regard to Rule 14, resolved that consultation should as far as possible be encouraged in in-patient as well as in out-patient departments. The same unanimous approval was given of the rules for the management of cottage hospitals and also for self-supporting nursing homes.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the medical inspection of school children as detailed in the Supplementary Report of the Medico-Political Committee printed on page 191 of the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for April 13th, 1907. They unanimously approve of the general scheme of a central and local machinery to carry out the medical inspection of school children. Under No. 4, local machinery—the frequency of inspection—if by "time of entrance" is meant that a child shall only be examined when it enters or begins school life, the

meeting considered this to be wholly inadequate; if, on the other hand, it means the daily examination of school children, as, it would appear, commends itself to the Birmingham Division, the meeting considered this quite unnecessary and impracticable. The meeting also agreed with paragraph 5; and, as regards the actual inspection, it might be done by general practitioners in the district, if feasible, or, failing this arrangement, it might be carried out by the Poor law or local district medical officers. And as regards Subsection ii, in rural districts, the county council should appoint a medical adviser to its Education Committee to perform the duties mentioned in the Subsection ii.

Special Representative Meeting.—The HONORARY SECRETARY (Dr. D. G. Thomson) was unanimously appointed to attend the Special Representative Meeting to be held in London on May 29th, as representing the Division, in place of Dr. Skrimshire, whose son, Dr. Skrimshire of Melton Constable, wrote that his father was unable to attend owing to ill health.

Draft Charter.—Consideration was again given to the draft Charter, more especially the scheme detailed therein for the election of the Central Council, and Dr. Thomson was instructed to vote in favour of the draft Charter in general and for Scheme "E" in the Appendix in particular.

Vote of Thanks.—After the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding had been moved and carried the meeting terminated.

EDINBURGH BRANCH:

NORTH-WEST DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Division was held on May 3rd, Dr. T. F. S. CAVERHILL in the chair.

Election of Officers.—The following officers and representatives of the Division for the ensuing year were elected: *Chairman*, Dr. Norman Walker; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Caverhill; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. Malcolm Campbell; *Representative for Representative Meeting*, Dr. Malcolm Campbell; *Representatives on Branch Council*, Drs. Norman Walker and Malcolm Campbell; *Members of Executive Committee*, Drs. James Ritchie, Gibson, Elder, Lackie, J. S. Fowler, Scott Carmichael.

Draft Charter.—After consideration of this subject the following resolution was passed unanimously:

> As it is undesirable that the British Medical Association should, as an Association, take part in imperial party politics, the words in Clause 2, Section 2, No. VI, "and may promote the candidature of any member of the Association for Parliament or for any British Legislative Assembly," should be deleted.

In connexion with the questions referred to Divisions (SUPPLEMENT, April 6th, 1907) the following are the answers of the Division:

1. A *moderate* reduction in the number of members of the Central Council is desirable.

2. (4) It is desirable that members of Council elected by or on behalf of the members of the Association of the United Kingdom should be elected by the members grouped in Branches, or by groups of Branches.

Hospital Administration.—It was resolved that the circumstances mentioned in the questions which are submitted to Divisions for consideration do not lend themselves to discussion by this Division.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The following resolution was passed unanimously:

> The Division considers it impossible to lay down conditions applicable under all circumstances.

North East Edinburgh Division.—The proposal of the North-East Edinburgh Division regarding alteration of their western boundary was then considered; and no objection raised.

Vote of Thanks.—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH:

DUMBARTONSHIRE AND ARGYLLSHIRE DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting was held at Dr. Nicoll's house, 4, Woodside Place, Glasgow, on Tuesday, April 30th, at 5 p.m.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Election of Officers.—The Honorary President and Secretary were re-elected. At the request of the CHAIRMAN (Dr. Sewell), it was agreed that Dr. Ewing Hunter be elected Representative in Representative meeting.

GLASGOW NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

AN ordinary meeting of the Glasgow North-Western Division was held on Thursday, April 25th, at 8.30 p.m., in the Hillhead Burgh Hall, Dr. D. J. MACKINTOSH, M.V.O., presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Royal Commission on Medical Assistance of the Poor in Scotland.—Consideration of questions submitted by the Poor-Law Subcommittee:

1. Not considered, as information would be given elsewhere.

4. The answer is No.

Revision of the Draft Charter.—Consideration of the questions submitted:

1. Should be smaller.

2. Dr. CASKIE moved the adoption of (*d*) scheme, seconded by Dr. WHITEHOUSE. Dr. G. B. BUCHANAN moved as an amendment the adoption of (*a*) scheme. This was seconded by Dr. HAY. On a division a majority voted for the amendment, so that (*a*) became the finding of the meeting.

3. Regarding this question, Dr. BUCHANAN moved that (*d*) be adopted with one-sixth proportion. Dr. HAY seconded, and it was adopted unanimously.

4. Dr. A. T. CAMPBELL moved the adoption of (*b*), seconded by Dr. WHITEHOUSE. This was agreed to.

Hospital Administration.—Consideration of the specific questions submitted:

1. The answer is No.
2. Not compulsory.
3. Yes.
4. No.

The supplementary report on medical inspection of school children was also briefly considered.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

PRESTON DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting was held on Friday, May 3rd, Dr. R. C. BROWN, the President, in the chair.

Draft Charter.—The draft Charter was considered, and after lengthy discussion, mainly on the financial aspects, it was agreed that the Representative to the Special Meeting, while continuing in favour of the Charter, be allowed a free hand as to details.

Hospital Management.—The questions were answered unanimously as follows:

1. Yes, with qualification expressed in No. 5.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. No (see No. 5).
5. (1) In all cases where the income of patient exceeds the recognized standard of the particular hospital; (4) that production of certificates by out-patients would be feasible in only a small proportion of cases.

LEINSTER BRANCH:

DUBLIN DIVISION.

THE quarterly general meeting of the Dublin Division was held on April 26th.

Draft Charter.—The revised draft Charter was discussed; and, as no attempt had been made in its drafting to carry out promised alterations in the original Charter, the following resolution was passed:

> That the Dublin Division, while heartily approving of the objects for which the Charter was originally sought, are of opinion that the consideration of the Charter should be postponed until the Representative Meeting of 1908, to give time to the Divisions to decide if it is for the good of the Association to apply for one in a form which may lead to most strenuous opposition.

Central Council.—The meeting also expressed its opinion in the following terms with regard to the questions submitted for consideration: (1) It is desirable that the Central Council should not be less than 50, nor more than

60. (2) That Section D is approved of—namely, that the majority of the Council should be elected by the members grouped in Branches, and that the Representative Meeting should elect a minority. (3) That the proportion of members elected by the Representative Meeting should not be more than one-sixth of the elected members. That Ireland should have not less than 5 members on the Council, 4 to be elected by the Branches, and 1 member by the Representative Meeting, from names previously nominated by the Irish Committee.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

LAMBETH DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at Bethlem Royal Hospital, on Thursday, May 9th, at 4 p.m. Dr. ROBERT CAPES occupied the chair during the early part of the proceedings.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Representative Meeting.—Dr. DENNING proposed, and Dr. HERBERT TAYLOR seconded:

That Dr. Esler be elected to represent the Lambeth Division at the Representative Meeting.

This was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers.—Dr. ESLER then proposed, and Dr. STODDART seconded, that the following officers should be elected *en bloc: Chairman*, Maurice Craig, M.D.; *Vice-Chairman*, W. Alexander Atkinson, M.D.; *Secretary*, Herbert S. French, M.D.; *Representatives on Branch Council*, Charles Sangster, M.R.C.S., and Herbert S. French, M.D. (*ex officio*); *Committee*, Herbert Taylor, M.B., J. V. C. Denning, L.R.C.P.I., A. M. Hickley, L.R.C.P., Robert Capes, L.R.C.P., J. W. J. Oswald, M.D., D. Oliver Kerr, M.B. This was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Installation of New President.—Dr. Capes then retired from the chair in favour of Dr. MAURICE CRAIG, who in a few well-chosen words, thanked those present for the honour they had conferred upon him by electing him their chairman. He proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman, secretary and officers, which was briefly responded to by Drs. Capes and Atkinson. Dr. Craig then referred to the dispute between the Medical Officer of the Brixton Dispensary and the Committee of the same, and mentioned that a resolution would be moved at the next meeting in connexion with this.

Central Council Election.—The SECRETARY then read a letter from Dr. Percy Rose, of 161, Barking Road, E., *re* the conference of delegates for selection of candidates for the Central Council of the British Medical Association. The following were selected:—Northern Group: Dr. Ford Anderson; Eastern Group: Dr. Shadwell; Southern Group: Dr. Ker; Western Group: Dr. Haslip.

Paper.—Dr. W. H. B. STODDART then read a paper on The Early Symptoms of Mental Disorder, which was published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of May 11th, p. 1101. A discussion followed, in which Dr. BARKER SMITH and Dr. MAURICE CRAIG took part.

Votes of Thanks.—A vote of thanks to Dr. Stoddart for his interesting paper was proposed by Dr. JAMES SCOTT, and seconded by Dr. THOMAS JOHNSTONE. This was put to the meeting and carried with acclamation. A vote of thanks to the authorities of Bethlem Hospital for the use of the Board Room was proposed by Dr. CAPES and seconded by Dr. COUPER CRIPPS, and carried unanimously.

STRATFORD DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on May 2nd at the Alexandra Hotel, High Street, Stratford, E., Dr. E. B. HASTINGS in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Central Emergency Fund.—A letter from Dr. Macdonald *re* the Central Emergency Fund was read by the HONORARY SECRETARY, and after some discussion it was resolved:

That the Representative be asked to glean what further information he could regarding the matter of subscriptions at the Annual Representative Meeting.

Draft Charter.—The report of the Organization Committee on the revision of the draft Charter was next considered. Dr. HAY proposed:

That By-law 5 be altered so as to transfer the power of electing new members from the Branch Councils to the Divisions.

This was seconded by Dr. DANIELS and carried unanimously. Dr. HAY also moved:

That By-law 36 be modified in such a way as to provide for the election of the whole of the Central Council, with the exception of the *ex-officio* and the service members, by the Representatives of the Divisions at the Annual Representative Meeting, and that to secure proper proportional distribution the principle of the scheme proposed by the Ayrshire Division be recommended, but that the question of colonial members on the Central Council be dealt with separately.

Dr. NELSON seconded this, and the meeting unanimously agreed to it. Dr. ROSE proposed, "That in By-law 23 (2) the words 'one hundred' should be inserted instead of the word 'fifty.'" This was seconded by Dr. HAY and carried.

Medical Examination of Seamen.—The medical examination of seamen was then discussed by various members, and it was ultimately resolved that further consideration of the subject be deferred.

Provident Dispensaries.—Several members spoke on the subject of provident dispensaries, and on the motion of Dr. HAY the following resolution was agreed to:

That this Division sees no scope for any scheme of provident dispensaries in its area.

Hospital Administration.—The specific questions submitted to Divisions on hospital administration were all answered in the negative.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The Division resolved that (1) the medical inspection of school children should be distributed amongst the general practitioners of the district who are prepared to undertake a proportion of the duty; (2) no decision was arrived at as to the method of carrying this out locally; (3) there was no evidence of the abuse of hospitals by teachers sending school children to hospitals irrespective of social status.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH:

SUNDERLAND DIVISION.

A MEETING was held in the Subscription Library, Fawcett Street, Sunderland, on Thursday, April 11th, Dr. I. MODLIN, Chairman, presiding.

Pulse Pressure.—Dr. GEO. ALEX. GIBSON, of Edinburgh, gave a most interesting and instructive address, entitled, Lessons from the Study of Pulse Pressure on the Uses of Formic Acid in Heart Cases and Nuclein in Acute Febrile Conditions. The lecture was illustrated with a selection of very fine slides representing the various forms of blood pressure and cardiac disease with which Dr. Gibson dealt in his address. Dr. TODD proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Gibson; this was seconded by Dr. W. ROBINSON and carried with acclamation.

Annual Dinner.—The annual dinner was held at the Grand Hotel in the evening at 7.15, when seventy members and friends sat down to dinner. Amongst those present, besides the guest of the evening (Dr. Gibson), were Dr. Beattie, President of the North of England Branch; Dr. Smurthwaite, Honorary Secretary; Drs. Lyle, Bolam, Clay (Newcastle Division), the Mayor of Sunderland (Sir Theodore Daxord), Captain Evans, R.A.M.C., and leading members of the medical profession in Sunderland and district. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Dr. Gibson's health was proposed by Dr. MIDDLEMASS, and drank with a bumper and three times three. Dr. GIBSON replied in a most amusing and entertaining speech, which quite sustained his reputation as a man of science and wit combined.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH:

BRIGHTON DIVISION.

AN ordinary meeting of the Division was held at the Dispensary on April 25th, Dr. W. A. HOLLIS in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Draft Charter.—The draft Charter was then considered, and the following answers given to certain questions:

1. It is thought desirable that the Central Council should be smaller than at present.

2. It is thought desirable that the members of Council elected by or on behalf of the members of the Association of the United Kingdom should be appointed according to scheme (*e*)—that is, the majority by the Representatives of

Divisions in the Representative Meeting grouped in districts, and a certain number by the Representative Body as a whole.

3. The proportions proposed under Appendix E were approved of.

4. It is thought desirable that members of Council representing the Colonial Branches should be elected according to plan (*b*)—that is, it should be left to these Branches themselves, grouped as the Central Council may determine, to decide as to the mode in which they will elect these members.

The vote on all these questions was unanimous.

Annual Meeting of South-Eastern Branch.—The following members, with power to add to their number, were appointed to form a subcommittee for making arrangements for the annual meeting of the South-Eastern Branch at Brighton on Wednesday, June 19th next—namely, Dr. Henry Gervis, Dr. W. A. Hollis, Dr. R. Marsh, Dr. R. Sanderson, and Mr. T. Jenner Verrall.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Victoria Hotel, Kilkenny, on Wednesday, May 1st, at 4.45 p.m. Dr. W. SHEE (Duncannon) occupied the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of last meeting were read, approved, and signed.

Letters.—Letters of apology were read from three members.

Election of Officers.—The following were declared as officers of the Branch for the year 1907-8: *President:* J. V. Ryan, M.B., Carlow. *President-elect:* P. J. Murphy, F.R.C.S.I. *Honorary Secretary:* Jas. Quirke, Piltown. *Honorary Treasurer:* R. B. Carey, Borris *Representative on Central Council:* Denis Walshe, Graigue. *Representative at Representative Meeting:* Thos. Laffan, M.D., Cashel. *Representative on Irish Committee:* R. B. Carey, Esq.

Correspondence.—A letter of reply to a resolution of sympathy passed at the Waterford meeting was read from Mrs. Stirling, Stoneyford, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Installation of New President.—Dr. Shee then vacated the chair, which was taken amidst applause by Dr. J. V. Ryan.

Vote of Thanks.—On the motion of Dr. RYAN, seconded by Dr. HACKETT, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring President for his dignified conduct in the chair during the past year, and especially for the admirable manner in which he conducted the recent ethical investigation held at Clonmel, during which he exhibited a vast amount of resource and presence of mind.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—It was proposed by Dr. MORRIS, seconded by Dr. WALSHE, and resolved:

> That, whatever system of medical inspection be adopted, the examiners so employed should be adequately remunerated.

Irish Members of Council.—Proposed by Dr. JAMES, and seconded by Dr. MACKESY:

> That the present number of Councillors be the least to which Ireland shall be entitled.

Underselling.—It was proposed by Dr. LAFFAN, and unanimously resolved:

> That all members present form a committee to consider and report at the next meeting of the Branch, to be held at Clonmel on the 5th prox., as to the best method of dealing with underselling in its various phases.

Subjects Postponed.—Hospital administration, aspects of medical consultation, and revised Charter—these subjects were also postponed for further consideration.

Lecture.—Dr. WILLIAM SHEA gave an interesting lecture on pneumonia and exhibited an illustrative case; this was followed by a discussion on the merits of some of the more recent drugs employed in pneumonia.

Dinner.—After the meeting fourteen members dined together at the Victoria Hotel.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH:
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DIVISION.

AFTER luncheon, at which ten members and one visitor were present, a meeting of the Division was held in the Board Room of the Northampton General Hospital, Mr. H. CROPLEY in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Officers.—The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place. Mr. G. H. Percival was elected Chairman; Mr. Baxter was re-elected Representative of the Division; Dr. Hichens was re-elected Honorary Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. C. Y. Evans retired by rotation from the Branch Council, and Dr. Robson was elected to fill his place.

Ethical Aspects of Medical Consultation.—The report on the ethical aspects of medical consultations was discussed at great length by Dr. LARKING, Dr. BUSZARD, Mr. LINNELL, Dr. ROBSON, Mr. CROPLEY, Dr. MAGUIRE, Mr. BAXTER, Dr. HICHENS and Mr. PERCIVAL. Mr. LINNELL (seconded by Mr. TERRY) proposed that the report be carried as it stands. Dr. BUSZARD expressed the opinion that the proposals were not all practicable, and, supported by Dr. LARKING, proposed as an amendment—

> That the report be referred back to the Ethical Committee for further consideration.

The amendment was carried. This was adopted as the substantive proposition with the same number of votes.

Hospital Administration.—On the specific questions submitted to the Divisions as regards hospital administration the voting was as follows:

(1) Should there continue to be compulsory payment by patients to hospitals other than cottage hospitals? Answer—No (16).

(2) Should the production of subscribers' letters continue to be compulsory? Answer—No (16).

(3) Should inquiry into a patient's circumstances invariably take place? Answer—Yes (16).

(4) Should a certificate be required from the medical attendants of all persons attending out patient departments? Answer—Yes (6), No (3), Did not vote (7).

Draft Charter.—The draft Charter was not discussed from lack of time.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH:
MONMOUTHSHIRE DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting was held at the Newport and Monmouthshire Hospital on Thursday, April 25th, Dr. S. BUTLER MASON in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the meeting of February 22nd were read and confirmed.

Correspondence.—The appended letter from Dr. Gamble was read:

> Leven House, Abergavenny,
> April 12th, 1907.

Copy of resolution in connexion with the National Deposit Friendly Society, signed by all the practising medical men in Abergavenny.

> That all the members of the medical profession in Abergavenny bind themselves not to recognize in any way the National Deposit Friendly Society, not to sign the medical form for the recovery of fees, and not to examine candidates for admission to the Society.

Proposed by Dr. MARSH, seconded by Dr. MULLIGAN, and carried unanimously:

> That the action of the Abergavenny practitioners be approved, and that copies of the resolution be circulated with the agenda of the next meeting of the Division.

Dr. W. D. STEEL returned thanks for the vote of confidence.

Letter was read from Dr. Essex resigning his post as Representative. The Executive Committee recommended that Mr. W. J. Greer be appointed to act as Representative until the annual meeting. Proposed by Dr. MULLIGAN, seconded by Dr. COULTER, and carried unanimously:

> That the recommendation of the Executive Committee be approved.

Letter from Dr. W. D. Steel reporting that he had been deputed to examine an ambulance class, but on attending to do so found that it had been instructed by an unregistered practitioner, and therefore declined to conduct the examination Proposed by Dr. MULLIGAN, seconded by Dr. GRIFFITHS, and resolved:

> That the best thanks of the Division be given to Dr. Steel for his action in the matter.

Dr. STEEL acknowledged the vote.

Draft Charter.

It was proposed by Dr. GLENDINNING, seconded by Dr. J. MCGINN, and carried unanimously:

That the Representative be given plenary powers to act as he thought best at the Special Representative Meeting.

Hospital Administration.

The following answers were given to the questions submitted:

Specific questions submitted to Divisions:

1. Should there continue to be compulsory payment by patients to hospitals other than cottage hospitals?

2. Should the production of subscribers' letters continue to be compulsory?

3. Should inquiry into a patient's circumstances invariably take place?

4. Should a certificate be required from the medical attendants of all persons attending out patient departments?

5. Any other comments?

No. 1. Proposed by Dr. MARSH, seconded by Dr. GRATTE:

That the answer be "No."

Carried.

No. 2. Proposed by Dr. GRATTE, seconded by Dr. GRIFFITHS:

That the answer be "Yes."

Amendment proposed by Dr. MARSH, seconded by Dr. J. MCGINN:

That the answer be "No"

The amendment was carried, and was subsequently adopted as a substantive motion.

No. 3. Proposed by Dr. LLOYD, seconded by Dr. GLENDINNING:

That the answer be "Yes."

Carried.

No. 4. Proposed by Dr. J. MCGINN, seconded by Dr. LLOYD:

That the answer be "Yes."

Carried.

Medical Inspection of School Children.

Proposed by Dr. J. MCGINN, seconded by Dr. MULLIGAN:

That the report published in the SUPPLEMENT for April 13th be approved.

Carried.

Specific questions referred to the Divisions:

1. Does the Division consider that the medical inspection of children should be assigned:

(*a*) To the medical officers of health? or

(*b*) To medical officers specially appointed? or

(*c*) Be distributed among those general practitioners of the district who are prepared to undertake a proportion of the duty?

2. If the method (*c*) is preferred, how does the Division propose to carry this out locally?

3. Is there evidence of prevalence within the Division area of the practice of teachers sending school children found to be ill, irrespective of their social status, to hospitals, instead of referring them to their family medical attendant?

4. If so, what steps, if any, has the Division taken, or is the Division taking, to prevent this abuse?

The following replies to the questions submitted were adopted:

1 (*a*). Proposed by Dr. J. MCGINN, seconded by Dr. HAMILTON:

That it should not be the medical officer of health.

Carried.

1 (*b*). Proposed by Dr. J. MCGINN, seconded by Dr. HAMILTON:

That the answer be "No."

Amendment proposed by Dr. GLENDINNING, seconded by Dr. PATON:

That the answer be "Yes."

The amendment was defeated, and the original proposal was carried.

1 (*c*). Proposed by Dr. J. MCGINN, seconded by Dr. MARSH:

That the answer be "Yes."

Carried.

2. Proposed by Dr. MARSH, seconded by Dr. COULTER:

That one or more practitioners be appointed to examine the children in each school.

Amendment proposed by Dr. HAMILTON, seconded by Dr. LLOYD:

That the parents be allowed to select the doctor to examine their own children.

The amendment was carried, and was subsequently adopted as a substantive motion.

3. Proposed by Dr. MARSH, seconded by Dr. GLENDINNING:

That there is no such evidence.

Carried.

Ethics of Consultation.—Proposed by Dr. LLOYD, seconded by Dr. W. D. STEEL:

That the meeting adopt the recommendation of the Ethical Committee.

Carried.

Ebbw Vale Dispute.—Dr. SULLIVAN gave a report on the present position of the Ebbw Vale dispute.

Vote of Thanks.—A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Dr. W. D. STEEL, and carried by acclamation.

ULSTER BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of this Branch was held in the Guildhall, Londonderry, on Saturday, April 27th, Dr. W. B. HUNTER, Vice-President, in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies for Absence.—Apologies for absence were read from Professor Symington (President), Dr. Dempsey (Belfast), and Dr. E. C. Thompson (Omagh).

Report of Council.—The HONORARY SECRETARY (Dr. Cecil Shaw) read the report of Council which stated that Drs. E. A. Kirkwood (Belfast) and J. W. Killen (Derry) had been elected members. The payment of £5 5s. to the Ulster Medical Society for the use of the Medical Institute had been sanctioned, and a like sum as a donation to the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund for Ireland. A special meeting of Council had been arranged to meet in Belfast in May, to arrange for the invitation of the Association to Belfast in 1909. The following resolution was recommended to the Branch:

That this Branch gives notice of motion for the Representative Meeting at Exeter, that the main recommendations of the Viceregal Commission on the Irish Poor-law System be approved of, and the Council be requested to take all proper steps to press the matter to legislation.

On the motion of the HONORARY SECRETARY, seconded by Dr. THOMAS MCLAUGHLIN (Derry) the report of Council was passed.

Luncheon.—At the conclusion of the meeting the members lunched together at the Northern Counties Hotel.

PORTADOWN AND WEST DOWN DIVISION.

THE spring meeting of this Division was held in Portadown on April 10th, Dr. FERGUS in the chair.

Draft Charter.—The routine business disposed of, the proposals for revision of the draft Charter were discussed, and it was unanimously resolved:

That the Representative be left unfettered by instructions, as he understands the wishes of the Division, especially as regards the Irish representation on the Council.

Communications.—Dr. W. E. HADDEN read a short paper on the use of cocaine in rigid os, relating two cases in which rapid dilatation followed the introduction of plugs soaked in solution of cocaine. Drs. TAYLOR and FERGUS complimented Dr. Hadden and discussed the subject.—Drs. ROWLETT and DARLING related the histories of a number of cases of epidemic cerebro-spinal fever, and Dr. AGNEW gave a summary of the present state of our knowledge of the disease. Drs. DEANE, MARSHALL, and HADDEN joined in the discussion that followed.

Next Meeting.—A letter from Dr. S. E. Martin inviting the Division to meet in Newry was cordially received, and it was agreed that the next meeting be held there.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

CENTRAL COUNCIL ELECTION, 1907.

WE are asked to publish the following letter addressed by Dr. Helme to the Chairman of the West Manchester Division:

3, St. Peter's Square,
Manchester.

Dear Dr. Redmond,

In the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of May 11th, I find published a list of candidates nominated for the representation of our (Lancashire and Cheshire) Branch on the Council of the Association, and I beg to thank you for the further information that your Division has nominated four candidates for the four seats.

As the time for my own retirement approaches, my regrets that this step has become necessary for me become more poignant, feeling, as I do, that the present time is one of moment in the history of our Association.

As you are aware, during the past seven years I have given almost the whole of my leisure time to the work of our Branch and the Association, whose interests I have very closely at heart.

In my opinion our Association, if properly and efficiently managed, ought to be an effective means of giving our profession a standing in the country worthy of its traditions and of becoming a great and powerful influence for good, but this can only be if it is an association of the whole profession, whose opinions and acts shall reflect the combined feelings of the profession as a whole: to attain this end ought to be the aim of all of us, but I regret that my experiences have shown to me that the danger of our Association being dominated by a section of its members is a real and pressing one; if this comes about, the Association will lose all chance of becoming the great power for good which it is entitled to be; politically (externally) it will die, and professionally (internally) it will become a hotbed for the germs of dissension and strife.

With my firm belief in the possibilities for good in our Association, I am impressed with the importance of our Divisions being truly represented in the Representative Meeting, and of our Branches being truly represented in the Council—not by men who aspire to represent any class or section, but by men who would represent the profession as a whole.

In the present election I foresee dangers in the probability of cross voting owing to the number of candidates in the field.

I would urge you, therefore, to ask all members of our Branch, whether they approve the present constitution or not, whether they recognize the Divisions or not, on this occasion to carefully consider the welfare of the Association and to *record their votes.*

The present time is one when enthusiasm should be tempered by experience. The new form of constitution, which looked to me almost ideal at the time of the reform and from which we had hoped so much, has proved itself in practice not quite that which we thought; the principle of the division of the Association into smaller units and the individual representation of each unit in the government of the Association is one which has my emphatic support, but the short space of time which has elapsed since these ideas were incorporated has been sufficient to indicate some important defects in the machinery as well as the lines on which a remedy could be found; nevertheless, it is now proposed to give the stamp of practical permanency on the present imperfect model by immediate application for a Charter, in which are introduced some proposals which can only produce a lessened efficiency. I personally fail to see the urgency; the financial position of the Association is unsatisfactory; we have only to look at the published balance sheet to see how we stand; we are already overstepping the bounds of our income, and were it not for the efficient management of our Secretary, Mr. Guy Elliston, who deserves the Association's warmest thanks, this year would have seen us in a deplorable state. The present moment seems to me *most inopportune* to undertake a scheme, even if it were perfected, the cost of which we cannot foretell.

Doubtless many advantages are to be gained from a Charter, which extends our powers, if we are prepared for an increase of expenditure, but in the present imperfect scheme there are many disadvantages.

1. As I have said, in the opinion of many members, the present arrangements for the Divisions are not satisfactory; no attempt is made under the Charter to remedy existing defects.

2. One unexpected result of the new constitution (which it is now sought to extend and render permanent under the Charter) has been to virtually disfranchise the Branches, a result which was not intended at the time of the reconstitution; indeed, such a proposal *was made*, but a *compromise was* effected at that time on the present lines; now the present machinery is being used to render permanent a result which the *compromise was intended* to avert, and this can be looked upon as no less than a breach of faith. Similar tactics have been seen in imperial politics, and have resulted only in the accentuation of differences and the embittering of party strife. In our Association similar results will follow.

As regards our own Branch, it is further proposed to take away our independent representation upon the Central Council, and to group us along with the adjoining districts for the purposes of representation, a policy which I am sure will be repudiated by every member of this Branch.

3. The present dual control of the Association's affairs is not satisfactory; the draft Charter retains this dual control, but renders it more cumbersome and more unsatisfactory. It is now proposed that the Central Council shall consist of a proportion of members (20 out of 30) elected by, and directly responsible to, the Branches, and a proportion of members (10 out of 30) elected by, and responsible to, the Representative Meeting—a futile arrangement—and this whilst many members of the Association take no part in the work of the Divisions as at present constituted, and by many it is held that the Representative Meeting is not even representative of the Divisions. Further, it is proposed to give the Colonies a large share of representation on the Central Council (5 out of 20 elected by Branches). At present the Colonial Branches elect 7 members, 6 of whom are London men, and may therefore be looked upon rather as London than Colonial Representatives; whilst Scotland is to have 2 and Ireland 1 Representative.

I fear such a scheme will not command "unanimous" approval.

4. Under the draft Charter it is proposed to "promote the candidature" of members of Parliament! This would place an intolerable strain upon the cohesion of our Association; the introduction of party politics would inevitably lead to undesirable friction, and might develop into wire pulling of the lowest type. Even the appearance of Sir Victor Horsley as the "Member for the Association" representing us, *inter alia*, in the matters of temperance reform or vivisection legislation, or education on Biblical lines, would not conduce to harmony!

5. Many of the "extended" objects of the Association possible under the Charter may be desirable, but have not yet received the unanimous approval of the members of the Association. Further, they cannot be undertaken whilst the finances of the Association are in their present state, and their undertaking would demand an immediate increase of the annual subscription; and what would this mean? (1) The younger men, whom it is desirable to get into the Association, could not join; (2) the less well-to-do would probably drop out; (3) a large number of members who are not interested in much of medical politics would drop out, and as a result we should see a diminution of our income from subscriptions, the circulation of our JOURNAL would fall, and our income from advertisements would correspondingly decrease.

These matters demand consideration; the "extended" objects are not within the *immediate* view of practical politics, and it is evident, therefore, that there is *no urgency* in the matter of the Charter; prudence would indicate the desirability of postponing the application until we arrive at some higher degree of perfection in the model of our machine and at some degree of equipoise in our finances.

Such being my views on some of the pressing matters

now before us, I must congratulate you on the evidence of activity in your Division.

It *is* important that this Branch should be represented by men of experience, who will allow their enthusiasm to be guided by their experience, and I trust that the Branch as a whole will support you in your endeavour to gain such representation in order that the affairs of the Association shall be conducted on a broad basis with efficiency and economy.

This object would, I feel sure, be attained by returning the four gentlemen nominated by your Division as Representatives of this Branch on the Council of the Association.

I am, etc.,

May 13th. T. ARTHUR HELME.

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Association Notices.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

The Special Representative Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 29th, at 9.30 a.m. in the Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL,

GUY ELLISTON, *General Secretary.*

April 11th, 1907.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Council will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, June 5th, in the Board Room of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, by kind permission of the Board, to consider the resolutions passed by the Special Representative Meeting in regard to the proposed Royal Charter. The offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board are situate on the Victoria Embankment at the corner of Carmelite Street and near Blackfriars Bridge.

GUY ELLISTON,
General Secretary.

May 14th, 1907.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: TROWBRIDGE DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held in Trowbridge on Saturday, May 25th. The hour and place of meeting and agenda will be forwarded at a later date. This preliminary notice is sent out in accordance with No. 11 of the Rules of the Division.—JOHN TUBB-THOMAS, Honorary Secretary, Trowbridge, Wilts.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Medical Institute, Birmingham, on Thursday, June 13th, at 3.30. Agenda: Election of two members of the Branch to represent the Branch on the Central Council of the Association. Nominations for these offices must be sent to the undersigned not later than May 26th.—O. J. KAUFFMANN, 22, Broad Street, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: CENTRAL DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will take place at the Medical Institute on Wednesday, June 5th, at 4 p.m. Nominations for offices, in writing, must reach the Honorary Secretary on or before May 15th.—E. D. KIRBY, Honorary Secretary.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH AND NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND BRANCH.—*Nomination of Elective Member of Council.*—Notice is hereby given that the names of candidates for the representation of these two Branches must be sent in to me on or before May 27th. Each candidate must be nominated by at least three electors.—FRANCIS R. HILL, Honorary Secretary, Border Counties Branch, 62, Warwick Road, Carlisle.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTH CUMBERLAND DIVISION—The annual general meeting of the Division will be held in Carlisle on Friday afternoon, May 24th, at 3.30 p.m. It is proposed to hold a discussion on contract practice.—NORMAN MACLAREN, Honorary Secretary, 23, Portland Square, Carlisle.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: SCOTTISH DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of this Division will be held in the Board Room, Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, Dumfries, at 3 p.m., on Friday, May 24th. Business: Election of officers. Consideration of matters referred to Divisions. Further consideration of questions relating to contract practice.—GEORGE R. LIVINGSTON, Honorary Secretary.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: WEST CUMBERLAND DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held at Cockermouth on Tuesday, May 21st.—JOHN PENNY, Honorary Secretary, Cockermouth.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—The spring meeting of this Branch will be held in the Princess Christian Hospital, Weymouth, on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 3.30 p.m., the President, Mr. William Hawkins, in the chair. Agenda: (1) Minutes of last meeting. (2) Letters, etc. (3) The President will vacate the chair and introduce his successor, Dr. J. Macpherson Lawrie, of Weymouth. (4) The Honorary Treasurer will present his financial statement for 1906. (5) Reports from the Divisions of the Branch for 1906. (6) Report of the Council of the Branch for 1906. (7) Report of the return of a Representative of the Branch on the Central Council of the Association. (8) The place for the summer meeting (9) The President will deliver an address entitled, "Gynaecology in the last twenty years." (10) The President will exhibit: (*a*) a renal calculus; (*b*) a prostate removed from a patient 73 years old. (11) Dr. Sanderson Wells will contribute notes on a case of removal of the upper limb and scapula for malignant disease. The patient will be shown. (12) Dr. Hyla Greves will read a short paper on myelopathic albumosuria. Members of the Branch will have an opportunity of inspecting the Princess Christian Hospital by invitation of the Chairman and members of the Committee. The President and Mrs. Macpherson Lawrie invite the members and their friends to tea at Greenhill, Weymouth, after the meeting. His Worship the Mayor of Weymouth, in honour of the visit of the Branch to the town, will entertain, by special invitation, the members to luncheon before the meeting, at the Gloucester Hotel at 2 p.m.—JAMES DAVISON, Honorary Secretary, Bournemouth.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—*Two Members of Council.*—In accordance with the Articles and By-laws, the Honorary Secretary of the Branch will be glad to receive nominations, signed by not less than three members, for the election of two Representatives on the Central Council of the Association. Nominations must reach the Honorary Secretary of the Branch on or before Monday, June 3rd.—B. H. NICHOLSON, East Lodge, Colchester, Honorary Secretary of Branch.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the East Anglian Branch will be held at Ipswich on Thursday, June 20th. Members wishing to read papers or show cases or specimens should communicate at once with Dr. Gutch, Ipswich.—B. H. NICHOLSON, M.B., East Lodge, Colchester, Honorary Secretary.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH: SOUTH SUFFOLK DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division, to discuss matters referred to Divisions, will be held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Ipswich, on Thursday, May 23rd, at 3.30 p.m.—JOHN GUTCH, Honorary Secretary.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH: WEST NORFOLK DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held at the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital on June 20th, at 3 p.m., when officers and Representatives will be elected for 1907-8.—ARTHUR GARDINER, Honorary Secretary, Tuesday Market Place, King's Lynn.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—*Nominations of Members of Council.*—In accordance with Branch Rule 5 and Association By-law 24, nominations for Representatives on the Central Council, each signed by at least three electors, are requested to be sent to Mr. J. Grant Andrew, 12, Woodside Terrace, Glasgow, on or before Monday, May 27th. If more than two members are nominated, an election by voting papers will be necessary.—JAMES HAMILTON, J. GRANT ANDREW, Honorary Secretaries.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—The statutory annual meeting of the Branch will be held in the new Medical Buildings of the University on the afternoon of Friday, June 7th, at half-past three o'clock. Professors Glaister, Stockman, and Nöel Paton have courteously offered to show the members the New Laboratories, a description of which will be found in the JOURNAL of April 27th (page 1023). Dr. Donald MacIntosh has also invited the Branch to visit the New Wing of the Western Infirmary. A dinner will be held in the evening (6.15), at which Principal Donald MacAlister, M.D., LL.D., will be present. Ticket, 5s. 6d. (exclusive of wines).—JAMES HAMILTON, J. GRANT ANDREW, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ALTRINCHAM DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held at Altrincham on June 6th, when officers and committee will be elected for 1907-8. Every member is eligible for every office. (Under Rule 6, Drs. Joynson, Luckman, and Cooper are not eligible for the chair, having already served within three years.) Every member is entitled to make nominations. The Committee has decided that all nominations must be in writing, signed by a proposer and seconder, and must reach me by May 15th. Offices: (1) Chairman; (2) vice-chairman; (3) honorary secretary and treasurer; (4) representative at Representative Meetings; (5) two representatives on Branch Council; (6) six other members of Committee. (By order.)—T. W. H. GARSTANG, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MANCHESTER (WEST) DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at the Hulme Dispensary, Dale Street, Stretford Road, on Monday, May 27th, at 4.15 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to be present. Agenda: 1. Minutes and Correspondence. 2. Election of Officers: (*a*) Chairman; (*b*) Vice-Chairman; (*c*) Secretary; (*d*) Five Members of Committee; (*e*) Two Representatives on Branch Council. 3. Election of Representative in Representative Meeting. 4 Annual Report of Executive Committee. 5. Consideration of Draft Scheme for co-ordinating the Divisions in their work, prepared by the Manchester and Salford combined Committee. 6. Annual Meeting of the Branch in Manchester: Election of Five Representatives on Committee of Management. 7. Business of the Representative Meeting: Instructions to Representative; Draft Charter. 8. Rule respecting the Tenure of Office by Chairman of Division. 9. Any other business. Members are requested to forward the names of those they may wish to nominate for the vacant posts to the Honorary Secretary on or before Saturday, May 25th. Any member of the Division is eligible for election.—J. SKARDON PROWSE, B.A., 372, Moss Lane East, Manchester, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MANCHESTER (SOUTH) DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of this Division will be held at Dr. Sawers Scott's, Wilmslow Road, Withington at 3.45 p.m., on Friday, May 31st. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Reference to our former Chairman, the late Dr. Collins. (3) Letter *re* Rusholme Dispensary. (4) Election of officers for the ensuing year. (5) Committee's annual reports. (6) Proposed new rules: (*a*) The Past Chairman shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Committee. (*b*) Adoption of a code of ethical rules. (7) Draft scheme for Combined Committee of the Manchester Divisions, and election of four representatives. Dr. J. Milson Rhodes has consented to address the meeting on the draft Charter. Tea and coffee.—M. RUSSEN RHODES, Bridge House, Didsbury, Honorary Secretary of the Division.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH. — *Nominations of Branch Officers.*—Pursuant to By-law 24, notice is hereby given that nominations for all the officers of the Branch, namely, President-elect, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, members of the Branch on the Central Council of the Association, must be sent in to the Honorary Secretary of the Branch on or before May 28th. Voting papers will be sent out on or before June 4th, and must be returned to the Secretary on or before June 11th.—FRED. J. SMITH, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Branch will take place on Thursday, June 27th. Time and place will be fixed by the Branch Council.—Honorary Secretary, FRED. J. SMITH.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—At the request of the Westminster Division, a special general meeting of the Branch will be held at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, June 6th, at St. James's Vestry Hall, Piccadilly, to discuss the advisability of constituting a central hospital authority for London. Dr. Knowsley Sibley will submit, on behalf of the Westminster Division, the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association, it is desirable, with a view of abating the present abuse of hospital charity, that a central hospital authority for London be constituted upon which the medical profession is adequately represented." If this resolution is approved by the meeting, the Branch Council will be asked by further resolutions to appoint a committee and provide the funds necessary for the promotion of this object. Those who desire to join in the discussion are requested to send their names to Dr. F. J. McCann, 5, Curzon Street, Mayfair, W., Secretary, Westminster Division. Tea and coffee will be served at 4 p.m.—F. J. SMITH, M.D., D'ARCY POWER, F.R.C.S., Honorary Secretaries.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A special meeting of this Division will be held on Thursday, May 23rd, at 4 p.m., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C. Agenda: (1) Minutes of last meeting; (2) nomination of candidates for offices in the Branch; (3) consideration of revised draft Charter, etc. (see SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, April 6th); (4) notice of motion by Council (see SUPPLEMENT, April 27th, p. 209); (5) Hospitals Committee's report on hospital administration (see SUPPLEMENT, April 13th, p. 189); (6) Medico-Political Committee's supplementary report on the medical inspection of school children (see SUPPLEMENT, April 13th, p. 191).—E. W. GOODALL, Honorary Secretary, Eastern Hospital, Homerton, N.E.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held on Thursday, May 30th, at 9 p.m., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., the meeting to be followed by a supper at 9.30 p.m.—E. W. GOODALL, Eastern Hospital, Homerton, N.E., Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.—A meeting of the medical profession of Hampstead and neighbourhood will be held under the auspices of the Hampstead Division of the British Medical Association, on Friday, May 24th, at 4.30 p.m., in the Lecture Room of the Hampstead Conservatoire, Swiss Cottage, N.W., Dr. Macevoy in the chair. Agenda: 1. To receive the report of the Committee of the local profession appointed on May 5th, 1906. 2. To consider the following resolutions passed by the Committee on April 26th: (*a*) That this meeting confirm the resolutions passed by meeting of the local medical profession on May 5th, 1906, which are: (1) That an out-patient department in Hampstead is unnecessary. (2) That the casualty department be kept distinct from any other department, and that casualty patients, if not suitable for admission, be seen once, and thereon be referred to private practitioners, provident dispensaries, or Poor-law authorities. (3) That there be greater facilities for general practitioners of the neighbourhood to attend in-patients. (4) That there should be a service limit, as well as an age limit, to appointments to the medical staff. (5) That the outside medical profession be adequately represented on the Board. (6) That it is desirable, both in the interest of the district and of the hospital itself, that the Hampstead Hospital be carried on as a purely local institution, and not as a large general hospital, and that therefore an acting staff of consultants is not in accordance with the spirit of its constitution. (*b*) That this meeting does not regard the proposed amalgamation of the Hampstead and North-West London Hospitals with approval. (*c*) That the visiting staff of the Hampstead Hospital should be limited to local practitioners. 3 Other business. Tea will be provided.—REGINALD A. YELD, 29, Platt's Lane, Hampstead, Honorary Secretary of the Committee of the Local Medical Profession, appointed on May 5th, 1906.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held in the Board Room of the London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W., on Tuesday, May 28th, at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Correspondence. (3) To receive annual report and balance-sheet. (4) To elect chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, representative, three members of the Branch Council, and Executive Committee. (5) To consider alterations of rules as follows: (*a*) That Rule 11 as hereunder printed shall stand amended by leaving out the words in italics, "Ordinary meetings of the Division shall be held *not less than six times a year* at such times and places as the Executive Committee shall appoint. (*b*) In Section D, Rule 11, *re* annual meeting, that seven days be the notice required instead of fourteen. (6) To consider notices of motion for the Annual Representative Meeting. (7) Such other business as may be dealt with by the annual meeting.—WALTER H. YELD, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WANDSWORTH DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission, at the Head Quarters of the 4th Volunteer Battalion East Surrey Regiment, St. John's Hill, S.W. (opposite Clapham Junction Station), on Thursday, May 23rd, at 3.45 p.m. (telephone 89 Putney) Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Correspondence. (3) Questions. (4) Dr. Fothergill will propose: (*a*) Seeing that the Annual Representative Meeting is held in July, and a considerable number of medico-political questions are set down during the previous months which require prompt attention, it is not desirable to annually change the *personnel* of the various standing committees before that meeting; (*b*) that the officers as also the Executive and other standing Committees do come into office annually at the end of July, and the rules be altered accordingly; (*c*) in order to provide for continuity, the Chairman shall, after his year of office, be *ex officio* a member of the Executive Committee for one year as Past Chairman. (5) Report of scrutineers on nominations and election of Executive Committee for 1907-8. (6) Election of the standing Committees, 1907-8: (*a*) Hospital (4 members), (*b*) Ethical (5 members), (*c*) Scientific (4 members). Dr. Geo. Walker will propose that there be a Medico-Political Committee formed of three members elected by the Division, two elected by the Executive Committee, the Vice-Chairman, and one Honorary Assistant Secretary *ex officio*. (7) Election of (*a*) Representative of Division at Representatives' Meetings, July, 1907—July, 1908; (*b*) Deputy Representative. (8) Ethical Rules. Submitted by Dr. Dunville Roe, Chairman Ethical Committee, for the adoption of the Division. Dr. Smith Whitaker, Medical Secretary to the Association, will

attend to explain and give any information asked or. (*a*) Bradford Rules. (*b*) Also the following: (i) When it becomes the duty of a registered medical practitioner occupying an official position or otherwise to see and report upon a case of illness or injury, he shall before seeing the patient communicate with the practitioner in attendance so as to give him the option of being present. The practitioner seeing the patient shall scrupulously avoid interference with or remarks to the patient or his friends upon the diagnosis or treatment which has been adopted. (ii) A medical practitioner called upon in an emergency to visit a patient who under the ordinary circumstances would have been attended by another practitioner, shall, when the emergency is provided for, retire in favour of the ordinary medical attendant, but shall be entitled to charge the patient for his services. (iii) When a medical practitioner is called to a case of obstetric emergency during the absence from any cause of the proper medical attendant, he shall cease his attendnce when the emergency has been provided for, or on the arrival of the proper attendant. If in the meantime he has assisted at the patient's delivery, or has been in attendance for a considerable time, he shall be entitled to one half the fee. If, however, the patient prefers that the medical practitioner called in in the emergency should continue his attendance he can do so, but should offer to share the fee with the medical practitioner originally engaged, and should arrange that the patient should send a communication to that effect. (iv) A medical practitioner called upon, without previous arrangements, to attend a patient during the sickness or absence from home of the regular medical adviser, shall cease attendance as soon as the latter is able to take charge of the case, but shall be entitled to charge the patient for his services. (v) A medical practitioner who has obtained his introduction to a patient through a consultation should not supersede the attending practitioner during that illness; and if he be asked to attend in any future illness should only do so after explanation with the medical attendant. (vi) When a medical practitioner is requested to attend a patient already under the care of another practitioner (the case—not being one of emergency) he shall decline to do so except in consultation with the practitioner in attendance, or, in case a consultation is not agreed to, until the practitioner in attendance has been informed that his services are no longer desired. (9) Hospital Administration (see SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, April 13th, p. 189). Dr. M. G. Biggs, Chairman of the Hospital Committee, will bring forward the report and recommendations. (10) Medico-Political. Dr. George Walker, Chairman of the Committee, will bring forward the following, which are urgent and require immediate consideration: (*a*) Alterations of Articles and By-laws (see SUPPLEMENT, April 20th and 27th); (*b*) Dispensary Organization: reference from Branch Council; (*c*) Annual Report of Central Council (see SUPPLEMENT, May 4th, p. 233). Resolutions for the consideration of the Representative Meeting in July will be submitted for approval. (11) Conference of Representatives of London Divisions *re* Charter: Report of Dr. McManus. (12) Central Council Election, June, 1907: Report of Delegates at Conference. (13) Annual Report of the Division: The Chairman will submit it for the approval of the members. Annual Dinner.—This will be held in the New Gaiety Restaurant, Strand, W.C., on Tuesday, May 28th, at 7 for 7.30 p.m. Ladies are invited. Small tables can be engaged. Tickets (exclusive of wines), 7s. 6d. each, which will be collected on the evening. The toast-list will be short. A good entertainment has been arranged for. Places can be booked by addressing Dr. Allan Swallow, 61, South Side, Clapham Common. Messrs. F. Davidson and Co. will have an exhibition of ophthalmic, laryngoscopic, and aural instruments.—E. ROWLAND FOTHERGILL, Honorary Secretary, Torquay House, Southfields; D. R. POWELL EVANS, CHAS. J. MARTIN, ALLAN J. SWALLOW, Honorary Assistant Secretaries.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held at St. James's Vestry Hall, 195, Piccadilly, at 8 30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 22nd. Dr. Donald Baynes will open a discussion on the Ethical Aspects of Medical Consultation. As each Division has been requested to give an opinion on the scheme suggested by the Central Ethical Committee, and published in the SUPPLEMENT of February 16th, it is hoped that every member of the Division will endeavour to attend this meeting.—F. J. MCCANN, Secretary, 5, Curzon Street, Mayfair, W.

MIDLAND BRANCH: BOSTON AND SPALDING DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held on Tuesday, May 28th, at the Red Lion Hotel at 1 o'clock. Luncheon will be provided at 2 p.m.; tickets, 3s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine. Members are requested to reply not later than May 25th as to their intention to be present at the luncheon; those accepting will be held responsible for the value of their tickets. Members may bring guests to the luncheon. Agenda: 1. Election of officers. 2. Programme for the year. 3. Matters referred to Divisions:—(*a*) Hospital Administration (SUPPLEMENT, April 13th); (*b*) Draft Charter (SUPPLEMENT, April 6th); (*c*) the Ethical Aspects of Medical Consultation (SUPPLEMENT, February 16th); (*d*) Medical Inspection of School Children (SUPPLEMENT, February 16th). 4. Any other business.—A. E. WILSON, Honorary Secretary, Boston and Spalding Division.

MIDLAND BRANCH: LINCOLN DIVISION.—On Friday, May 24th, at 3.30 p.m., at the Guildhall, Lincoln, will be held the annual meeting of this Division. Agenda: (1) To elect a Vice-President of the Midland Branch; (2) to elect officers, the Representative of the Division on the Branch Council, and the ordinary members of the Executive Committee; (3) to elect the Representative of the Division in Representative Meetings of the Association; (4) further consideration of the proposed Charter (see BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL and SUPPLEMENT of April 6th); (5) other business. Members desiring to read papers or show cases or specimens are requested to communicate with J. S. CHATER, Honorary Secretary, Lincoln.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—Nominations for elective members of Central Council (two required) will be received up to May 24th.—JAMES H. HUNTER and HENRY SMURTHWAITE, Joint Honorary Secretaries.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—Nominations for a Representative of the Branch on the Central Council in accordance with By-law 24 will be received by the Honorary Secretary up to June 1st.—H. JONES ROBERTS, Honorary Secretary, Llywenarth, Penygroes.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: SOUTH CARNARVON AND MERIONETH DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at the White Lion Hotel, Bala, on Thursday, May 30th, in the afternoon. Members having papers to read or cases to show are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary before May 22nd.—HENRY GLADSTONE JONES, Plas Gwilym, Criccieth, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Brighton on Wednesday, June 19th, Mr. T. Jenner Verrall, President-elect, in the chair. The following will be the agenda: (1) To elect the officers of the Branch (this will be done by voting papers sent to each member of the Branch); nominations by three members for the offices of president-elect, vice-presidents, and secretary may be sent to the Honorary Secretary on or before May 18th; (2) to receive the annual report of the Branch; (3) to transact any business that may be transacted by an ordinary meeting. N.B.—Three members to represent the Branch on the Central Council will also be elected by voting papers. Nominations for these posts, each of three members in writing, should be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the Branch on or before May 18th.—H. M. STEWART, Dyffryn, Dulwich, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: CANTERBURY AND FAVERSHAM DIVISION.—A combined meeting of the Divisions comprised in the old East Kent District—that is, Ashford, Canterbury and Faversham, Dover, Folkestone, and Thanet—will be held at the County Hotel, Canterbury, on Thursday, June 27th, at three o'clock precisely, Dr. Whitehead Reid in the chair. Agenda: A paper will be read by W. J. Tyson, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., Honorary Physician, Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, on the Future Lines of Treatment: Their Effects on the Profession. An address by Alex. G. R. Foulerton, F.R.C.S., D.P.H., Director of Bacteriological Department, Middlesex Hospital, Medical Officer of Health to the County of East Sussex, on the Treatment of Infective Disease by Bacterial Vaccination. W. T. Hillier, Esq., M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Pathological Assistant, Research Laboratories, Middlesex Hospital, will (1) Show specimens of trypanosomata; (2) give a demonstration of the method of determining the opsonic index of the blood. Preliminary meetings will be held as follows: (*a*) 2 30, Canterbury and Faversham Division:—Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Annual report. (3) Election of officers—Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Representative at Representative Meetings, Representative on Branch Council, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Committee. (4) To consider the desirability of amalgamating with the Ashford Division. (5) Any other business. (*b*) 2.50, Canterbury and Faversham with Thanet Divisions:—Agenda: (1) To elect the Representative for Representative Meetings. Members will dine together at 5.45 for 6 o'clock at the County Hotel, Canterbury; charge 5s., exclusive of wines. Those who intend to stay to dinner are requested to notify Dr. Henchley not later than the morning of June 27th, and to state whether they will assist in a short musical programme.—A. R. HENCHLEY, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Canterbury.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: FOLKESTONE DIVISION.—The annual meeting and dinner of the Folkestone, Ashford, and Dover constituency will be held at Hundert's Hotel, Folkestone, on Thursday, May 23rd, at 7.15 p.m. Agenda: (1) To elect officers; (2) to receive the annual report of the Executive Committee; (3) to consider matters referred to the Divisions (vide SUPPLEMENTS, February 16th and April 13th). Members wishing to stay for the dinner are requested to send their names to the Honorary Secretary before May 21st.—P. VERNON DODD, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 14, Manor Road, Folkestone.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—A special meeting of this Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 4.30 p.m. The Chairman of the Division, Dr. George Fisher, will preside. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Contract Practice. The conditions of contract practice in the Division will be considered, with a view to the adoption of ethical rules for its regulation. (3) Matters referred to the Divisions: (*a*) Revision of draft Charter, (*b*) medical inspection of school children, (*c*) hospital administration, (*d*) notices of motion to be brought before Representative Meetings. (4) Any other business. Tea will be provided at 4.15. If time permits, cases will be shown by members of the hospital staff. It is particularly desirable that all members of the Division engaged in any kind of contract practice should endeavour to be present at the meeting, and the Honorary Secretary will be glad to hear from any members wishing to submit resolutions on any of the above matters.—E. J. SMYTH, Honorary Secretary, Maythorne, Epsom Road, Guildford.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.—Nominations for Representative for the above Branch on the Central Council are requested to be sent to the Honorary Secretary not later than June 10th.—E. HARRIES-JONES, Secretary.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—Notice is hereby given that the election of Branch Representatives on the Central Council will take place on June 13th at the annual meeting at Cardiff. Nominations in writing, signed by not less than three members, must be sent not later than May 23rd to FRANK G. THOMAS, M.B., 68, Walter Road, Swansea.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—In accordance with By-law 22, the names of those candidates nominated for the Council of the Association, together with the names of three nominations for each, must be sent on or before May 20th to Mr RUSSELL COOMBE, Branch Secretary, 5, Barnfield Crescent, Exeter.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—The sixty-eighth annual meeting will be held on June 3rd, at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, at 12.30 p.m. In view of the forthcoming visit of the Association to Exeter, this meeting will be limited to the transaction of the necessary annual business of the Branch. Mr. Domville will resign the chair to Dr. Deas. The report of the Branch Council and the annual financial statement will be presented to the meeting, and the officers of the Branch will be elected for the year 1907-8. A report from the Executive Committee appointed to make arrangements for the reception of the Association will be read. The Branch Council wish to call attention to the very inadequate support which the guarantee fund has in some quarters received from the members of the Branch. Less than half the members have subscribed, and although the subscriptions given average £2 per head, the average from the whole Branch is less than £1 per head. It is hoped that each member of the Branch will make it a point of honour to contribute to this fund, so that there may be a fair prospect of a return when the meeting is over. The subscriptions given will be appended to the list of members which is issued immediately after the annual meeting of the Branch. The President-elect will be pleased to see any members attending either this meeting or the Executive Committee at luncheon at the Clarence Hotel at 1.30. Replies to this invitation should be sent not later than May 29th.—RUSSELL COOMBE, Honorary Secretary.

STAFFORDSHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE AND MID WALES BRANCHES.—Election of Representative on the Central Council. In accordance with By-law 22, notice is hereby given that the names of those candidates nominated for the Central Council of the Association must be sent in to the Secretary of the Staffordshire Branch or the Secretary of the Shropshire and Mid Wales Branch on or before Saturday, June 1st.—G. PETGRAVE JOHNSON, Stoke-on-Trent, Secretary of the Staffordshire Branch; C. E. RUSS WOOD, Shrewsbury, Honorary Secretary of the Shropshire and Mid Wales Branch.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH: WORCESTER DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held at the Worcester Infirmary on Tuesday, May 21st, at 4.30 p.m. Business: (1) Draft Charter, ordinances, and by-laws (see SUPPLEMENT, April 6th); (2) hospital administration (see SUPPLEMENT, April 13th, with the questions at top of page 190); (3) medical inspection of school children (see SUPPLEMENT, February 16th, with the questions on page 74, at top of the second column; see also SUPPLEMENT, April 13th, page 191); (4) the ethical aspect of medical consultation (see SUPPLEMENT, February 16th, pages 74 to 77; see also SUPPLEMENT, May 4th). The Division is requested by the Central Council to consider the above important matters, so that the Representative of the Division may be in a position to express its views at the Special Representative Meeting to be held in London on May 29th.—MABYN READ, Honorary Secretary.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 9,039 births and 4,816 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, May 11th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 16.8, 16.0, and 15.9 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further declined last week to 15.7 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 5.5 in Northampton, 7.6 in East Ham, 7.8 in Smethwick, 8.1 in Hornsey, 8.5 in Devonport, 8.7 in Handsworth (Staffs), 8.9 in Great Yarmouth, 9.0 in Leyton, 9.1 in Walthamstow, to 20.0 in Bolton, 20.1 in Blackburn, 20.6 in Wigan, 20.7 in Derby, 20.8 in Manchester, 20.9 in Preston, 21.5 in Coventry, 21.9 in West Bromwich, 22.4 in Sunderland, and 23.8 in Salford. In London the rate of mortality was 15.7 per 1,000, and it also averaged 15.7 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases in the seventy-six towns averaged 1.6 per 1,000; in London this rate was 1.5 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns the rates ranged upwards to 3.4 in Nottingham and in St. Helens, 4.0 in Birkenhead, 5.4 in Hanley and in Sheffield, 6.1 in Middlesbrough, and 6.6 in Bolton. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.3 in Tottenham, 1.5 in Warrington, 1.8 in Portsmouth, 2.0 in Nottingham, 2.3 in St. Helens, 2.6 in Middlesbrough, 4.0 in Birkenhead, 4.1 in Sheffield, 4.7 in Hanley, and 5.4 in Bolton: scarlet fever of 1.0 in Wolverhampton: diphtheria of 1.9 in Reading; whooping-cough of 1.1 in East Ham and in Manchester, 1.2 in Walthamstow and in Rochdale, 1.3 in Tottenham, 1.5 in Salford, in Oldham and in Middlesbrough, and 2.0 in Stockton-on-Tees: "fever" of 1.7 in Barrow-in-Furness: and diarrhoea of 1.5 in Middlesbrough. No fatal case of small-pox was registered in these towns, and only one small-pox patient was under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals. The number of scarlet fever patients in these hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital, which had been 2,628, 2,649, and 2,672 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had fallen again to 2,658 at the end of last week; 349 new cases were admitted during the week, against 361, 360, and 346 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, May 11th, 1,026 births and 671 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scottish towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 20.0, 20.6, and 19.9 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further fell to 19.5 per 1,000 last week, but was 3.6 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 12.9 in Aberdeen and 17.5 in Edinburgh to 21.8 in Leith and 24.0 in Perth. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 3.2 per 1,000 in these towns, the highest rates being recorded in Glasgow and Leith. The 332 deaths registered in Glasgow included 7 which were referred to measles, 2 to scarlet fever, 2 to diphtheria, 27 to whooping-cough, 4 to "fever," 8 to diarrhoea, and 18 to cerebro-spinal meningitis. Two fatal cases of measles, 4 of whooping-cough, 2 of diarrhoea, and 6 of cerebro-spinal meningitis were recorded in Edinburgh; 3 of whooping-cough, 3 of diarrhoea, and 1 of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Dundee; 6 of whooping-cough, 2 of diphtheria, and 2 of diarrhoea in Aberdeen; 2 of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Paisley; and 3 of measles and 4 of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Leith.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, May 11th, 529 births and 422 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 682 births and 445 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 21.3, 28.7, and 23.7 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 21.2 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 5.5 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate for the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 16.0 in Londonderry and 17.8 in Limerick to 24.5 in Belfast and 25.3 in Waterford. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 1.5 per 1,000, or 0.1 per 1,000 lower than during the preceding period, the highest figure (2.3) being recorded in Dublin, while Londonderry and Limerick registered no deaths under this heading at all. In Belfast 13 deaths were returned as due to cerebro-spinal fever, and 3 as due to cerebro-spinal meningitis. In Dublin there were 6 deaths from measles, and 8 from whooping-cough.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

STAFF SURGEON A. R. BANKART, M.B., M.V.O., K.H.P., has been promoted to be Fleet Surgeon, May 5th. His previous commissions are dated: Surgeon, May 15th, 1895; Staff Surgeon, May 15th, 1899. From the *Royal Navy List* we learn that whilst Surgeon of the *Osborne* he attended the Khedive on board the Royal Yacht, July, 1900, and received the Order of the Osmanieh of the Fourth Class; was in attendance on King Edward VII on board H.M. Yacht *Victoria and Albert*, July, 1902; attended the late Duke of Coburg during his illness on board H.M.S. *Surprise*, in the Mediterranean in 1898 (March and April), for which he received the Fourth Class of the Royal Victorian Order from Queen Victoria, and the First Class of the Saxe Ernestine Order from the late Duke of Coburg: was also in attendance on the late Prince Alfred of Coburg during his last illness, 1899; promoted from Surgeon to the rank of Staff Surgeon for distinguished service, May 5th, 1903.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:—GEORGE G. BORRETT, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Royal Arthur*, May 1st; ALFRED M. PAGE, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Nile*, May 1st; ALFRED H. JEREMY, M.B., Staff Surgeon, to the *Carnarvon* on recommissioning, May 1st; HENRY B. HALL, M.B., Staff Surgeon, to the *Nile*, May 1st; ALEXANDER L. CHRISTIE, M.B., Fleet Surgeon, to the *Sappho*, May 3rd; JOHN W. CRAIG, M.B., Staff Surgeon, to the *Royal Arthur*, May 3rd; WILLIAM E. ORMSBY, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Tamar*, May 4th; BERTRAM R. BICKFORD, Surgeon, to the *Excellent*, for the *Grafton*, May 4th; HUGH P. TURNBULL, Staff Surgeon, to the *Scylla*, on completing, May 14th; ARTHUR F. FRASER, M.B., Surgeon, to Haslar Hospital, May 14th; JAMES A. THOMPSON, M.B., Surgeon, to the *President*, additional, for survey of stores, May 13th, and to Yarmouth Hospital, June 2nd; WILLIAM L. HAWKINS, Surgeon, to the *Dwarf*, May 7th; JOHN H. LIGHTFOOT, Surgeon, to the *Leda*, May 7th; FREDERICK G. WILSON, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Hussar*, on completing, May 14th.

Mr. M. O'BRIEN, M.B., civil practitioner, has been appointed Surgeon and Agent at the Isles of Arran, Galway.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captains S. H. FAIRRIE, M.B., G. T. K. MAURICE, F. E. GUNTER, M.B., and J. H. CAMPBELL, D.S.O., are promoted to be Majors, April 29th. Their previous commissions, which were simultaneous, are thus dated: Surgeon-Lieutenant, July 29th, 1895; Captain, July 29th, 1898. Major Campbell was in the South African war in 1899-1900, including the relief of Ladysmith, the actions at Spion Kop and Vaal Kranz, the operations on the Tugela Heights (severely wounded), and in the Transvaal (several times mentioned in dispatches, awarded the D.S.O., and granted the Queen's medal with three clasps).

The seconding for service with the Egyptian Army of Lieutenant M. G. DILL, M.B., bears date February 14th, instead of as notified in the *Gazette* of March 1st.

EXCHANGE.

The charge for inserting notices respecting Exchanges in the Army Medical Department is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps or post office order with the notice, not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

A FIELD OFFICER, R.A.M.C., due for foreign service next trooping season, desires an exchange with another officer low down on the roster. Apply F. Prince, 32, Charing Cross, S.W.

Vacancies and Appointments.

VACANCIES.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Clapham Road, S.W.—Senior and Junior Medical Officers. Honorarium at the rate of £20 and £10 a year respectively.

BRADFORD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

BRENTFORD UNION.—Second Assistant Medical Superintendent of the Infirmary and Second Assistant Medical Officer of the Workhouse and Schools. Salary, £125 per annum.

BRIGHTON: ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Acting Physician.

CAMBERWELL: PARISH OF ST. GILES.—*Locum Tenens* for the Medical Officer, Constance Road Workhouse. Remuneration, 4 guineas per week.

CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road.—House-Surgeon.

CANTERBURY CITY ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £140 per annum.

CARMARTHEN: JOINT COUNTIES LUNATIC ASYLUM.—(1) Medical Superintendent. (2) Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £450 and £200 per annum respectively.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician, (2) Surgeon in Charge of Branch Dispensary. Salary, £65 and £50 per annum.

CHORLEY: RAWCLIFFE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary for first six months at the rate of £90 per annum, increasing to £100.

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

CUCKFIELD UNION.—Medical Officers for Nos. 2, 6 and 7 Districts. Salaries, £50, £40, and £100 per annum respectively.

DEVONPORT: ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

DOUGLAS: NOBLE'S ISLE OF MAN HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark.—House-Physician and House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum each. Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum.

FRENCH HOSPITAL, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.—Second Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum.

GLASGOW: ANDERSON'S COLLEGE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—Chair of Practice of Medicine.

GORDON HOSPITAL, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.—Resident House-Surgeon.

GREAT YARMOUTH HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum, and £10 for lectures to probationer nurses.

GUILDFORD: ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

HULL: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Honorary Assistant Surgeon for Out-patient Department. (2) Casualty House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

KIDDERMINSTER INFIRMARY AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Stipendiary Medical Officer and Assistant Pathologist. Salary, £150 per annum.

LIVERPOOL: STANLEY HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

LONDON COUNTY ASYLUMS.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer at the Bexley and Claybury Asylums. Salary, £150 per annum each.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum.

MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

MAIDSTONE: WEST KENT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon and Anæsthetist. Salary, £60 per annum.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD HOSPITAL FOR SKIN DISEASES.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant Surgical Officers. Salary, £35 per annum.

MEDICAL MISSION HOSPITAL, Canning Town.—Female qualified Assistant for Dispensary.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—Medical Officer and Registrar to the Cancer Department. Salary, £100 per annum.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE DISPENSARY.—Visiting Medical Assistant. Salary, £160 for first year, £180 afterwards.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Euston Road, N.W.—(1) House Physician. (2) Resident Medical Officer for Maternity Department.

NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.—Medical Officer in Charge of Electrical Department. Salary, £50 per annum.

NORTHAMPTON: BERRY WOOD ASYLUM.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150, increasing to £200 per annum.

ROCHDALE INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, Dean Street, W.—House-Surgeon. Honorarium at the rate of £40 per annum.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Assistant to the Clinical Pathologist and Assistant Anæsthetists.

ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, S.E.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £40 per annum.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, E.C.—Lecturer on Anatomy.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—Assistant Physician.

STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

STIRLING ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

TAUNTON AND SOMERSET HOSPITAL.—Resident Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

TEIGNMOUTH HOSPITAL, South Devon.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum.

THROAT HOSPITAL, Golden Square, W.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum, increasing to £100 if reappointed.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Tite Street, S.W.—House-Physician. Honorarium, £30 for six months.

WALSALL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Senior House Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WEST BROMWICH DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £110 per annum. (2) **Resident Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.**

WEST DERBY UNION.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer at the Mill Road Infirmary. Salary, £125 per annum.

WEST HAM AND EAST LONDON HOSPITAL, Stratford, E.—Junior House-Surgeon for six months, eligible for election as Senior. **Salary at the rate of £75 and £100 per annum respectively.**

WEST HARTLEPOOL: CAMERON HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—Officer in charge of *X*-Ray Department.

WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

WIGAN: ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WINCHESTER: ROYAL HANTS COUNTY HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon. Salary, £65, rising to £75 per annum. (2) Honorary Physician in Ordinary.

WORCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary, £80 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces vacancies at Cheltenham, co. Gloucester, and Mid-Calder, co. Edinburgh.

APPOINTMENTS.

HERTZ, A. F., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., Assistant Physician to Guy's Hospital.

LEWIS, W. J., L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glas., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Ystalyfera District, cos. Brecknock and Glamorgan.

PATON, D. D., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Parochial Medical Officer for the Northern District of Barry, vice David Paton, M.D.Aberd., resigned.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting advertisements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

GRAHAM.—On May 1st, at Gwydir House, Cambridge, the wife of J. C. W. Graham, M.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a daughter.

WATERS.—On May 12th, at "Whitegates," Southend-on-Sea, the wife of A. Clough Waters, M.B., B.S., J.P., of a son.

DEATHS.

BEST.—On the 7th inst., at his residence, 26, Strawberry Hill Road, Twickenham, George Payne Best, B.A., M.B.Cantab., M.R.C.S., aged 63.

SHENNAN.—At 95, Mayfield Road, Edinburgh, on May 12th, Eileen Ivy Theodora, aged 2½ years, only child of Dr. Theodore Shennan and Mrs. Shennan (*née* Minnie Green, L.R.C.P. and S.Ed.).

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

FRIDAY.

BRITISH ELECTRO-THERAPEUTIC SOCIETY, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Paper: Dr. Doumer, of Lille: The Fundamental Principles of Electrotherapy.

CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Dr. F. de Havilland Hall: Two Cases of Prolonged Pyrexia. Dr. Gossage: A Case of Partial Heart-block. Dr. F. W. Price: Foreign Bodies in the Bronchi. 9.30 p.m., Annual General Meeting.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Tuesday and Friday, 3.45 p.m., Pharynx.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE.—Clinics: Monday, Medicine, 2.15 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m.; Ear and Throat, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Medicine, 2.15 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m.; Skin, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Medicine, 2.15 p.m.; Ophthalmology, 3.30 p.m. Thursday, Medicine, 2.30 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m.; Radiography, 4 p.m. Friday, Medicine, 2.15 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m. Operations each day at 2.30 p.m. Out-patient Demonstrations: Surgical, daily, 10 a.m.; Medical, daily, 10 a.m. Ear and Throat, Mondays and Thursdays, 12 a.m. Eye, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. Skin, Tuesdays and Fridays, 12 a.m. Special Lectures: Wednesday, 2.15 p.m., Bronchiectasis; Friday, 3.15 p.m., Epithelioma of Penis and Precancerous Conditions.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day:—Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Eye. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows:—Tuesday, Suppression of Urine and Anuria; Wednesday, The Vaccine Treatment of Acne, and Some Points in the Treatment of Some Other Common Maladies: Thursday, Diabetes.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Vagal Attacks and Brain Faints; Friday, 3.30 p.m., Surgery of the Nervous System.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—The following are the clinics and demonstrations for next week:—Monday, 10 a.m.: Surgical, 2.30 p.m.; Medical, Throat, Nose and Ear, *X* Rays. Tuesday, 10.30 a.m.: Medical, 2.30 p.m.; Operations: Surgical and Gynaecological. Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.: Medical, Skin, Eye. Thursday, 2.30 p.m.: Gynaecological Operations; Medical, Surgical; *X* Rays; 3 p.m., Medical (In-patient): 4.30 p.m., Special Demonstration of Skin Cases. Friday, 9.30 a.m., Surgical; 2.30 p.m., Operations; Medical, Eye; 3 p.m., Medical (In-patient).

POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith, W.—The following arrangements have been made for next week:—Daily (except Monday), 2 p.m.: Medical and Surgical Clinics, *X* Rays. 2.30 p.m.: Operations. Thursday, 2 p.m.: Diseases of the Eye. Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m.: Gynaecological Operations. Tuesday and Friday, 2 p.m., and Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.: Diseases of Throat, Nose, and Ear. Tuesday and Friday, 2.30 p.m.: Diseases of the Skin. Wednesday, 10 a.m.: Diseases of Children. Lectures—5 p.m.: Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Practical Medicine; Thursday Surgical; Friday, *X* rays.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Therapeutische Technik für die ärztliche Praxis. Herausgegeben von Professor Dr. J. Schwalbe. Zweiter Halbband. Leipzig: G. Theime. M.11.20.

Rome as a Winter Resort. By A. G. Welsford, M.D. Rome: "La Speranza" Publishing Office. 1907.

Australasian Medical Congress. Transactions of the Seventh Session held at Adelaide, September, 1905. Adelaide: C. E. Bristow. 1907.

Handbuch der Pathologie des Stoffwechsels. Herausgegeben von C. von Noorden. Zweite Auflage. Zweiter Band. Berlin: A. Hirschwald. 1907. M.24.

On the Evolution of Wound Treatment during the last Forty Years. By Sir H. C. Cameron. Glasgow: J. MacLehose and Sons. 1907.

*** In forwarding books the publishers are requested to state the selling price.

CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
MAY.	
19 Sunday ...	
20 MONDAY ...	
21 TUESDAY ...	WEST CUMBERLAND DIVISION, *Border Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Cockermouth. WORCESTER DIVISION, *Worcestershire and Herefordshire Branch*, Worcester Infirmary, 4.30 p.m.
22 WEDNESDAY	DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH, Spring Meeting, Princess Christian Hospital, Weymouth, 3.30; Luncheon, Gloucester Hotel, 2 p.m. GUILDFORD DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Special Meeting, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, 4.30 p.m. WESTMINSTER DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, St. James's Vestry Hall, 195, Piccadilly, 8.30 p.m.
23 THURSDAY...	CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Special Meeting, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., 4 p.m. FOLKESTONE DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Folkestone, Annual Meeting and Dinner. WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Head Quarters, 4th V.B East Surrey Regiment, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, 3.45 p.m. SOUTH SUFFOLK DIVISION, *East Anglian Branch*, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Ipswich, 3.30 p.m.
24 FRIDAY ...	HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Lecture Room, Hampstead Conservatoire, Swiss Cottage, N.W., 4.30 p.m. LINCOLN DIVISION, *Midland Branch*, Annual Meeting, Guildhall, Lincoln, 3.30 p.m. NORTH CUMBERLAND DIVISION, *Border Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Carlisle, 3.30 p.m. SCOTTISH DIVISION, *Border Counties Branch* Annual Meeting, Board Room, Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, Dumfries, 3 p.m.
MAY *(Continued).*	
25 SATURDAY...	TROWBRIDGE DIVISION, *Bath and Bristol Branch*, Annual Meeting, Trowbridge.
26 Sunday ...	
27 MONDAY ...	MANCHESTER (WEST) DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Annual Meeting, Hulme Dispensary, Dale Street, Stretford Road, 4.15 p.m.
28 TUESDAY ...	BOSTON AND SPALDING DIVISION, *Midland Branch*, Annual Meeting, Red Lion Hotel, 1 p.m.; Luncheon, 2 p.m. ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Board Room of the London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W., 4 p.m. WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Dinner, Gaiety Restaurant, Strand, W.C., 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
29 WEDNESDAY	SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C., 9.30 a.m. BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Bath.
30 THURSDAY...	SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING *(if necessary)*. CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., 9 p.m.; followed by a Supper, 9.30 p.m. SOUTH CARNARVON AND MERIONETH DIVISION, *North Wales Branch*, Annual Meeting, White Lion Hotel, Bala.
31 FRIDAY ...	
JUNE.	
1 SATURDAY ...	
2 Sunday ...	
3 MONDAY ...	SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter; Luncheon, Clarence Hotel, 1.30 p.m.

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